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**FOCUS ON CHILDREN
CASE INFORMATION**

Defendants:

Scott Banks
Age 46
U.S. citizenship
Wellsville, Utah

Dan Wakefield
Age 70
U.S. citizenship
Apia, Samoa

Karen Banks
Age 45
U.S. citizenship
Wellsville, Utah

Tagaloa Ieti
Age 44
Samoan citizenship
Samoa

Julie Tuiletufuga
Age unknown
Samoan citizenship
Samoa

Coleen Bartlett
Age 40
U.S. citizenship
Evanston, Wyoming

Karalee Thornock
Age 34
U.S. citizenship
Tooele, Utah

Charges and potential penalties:

Conspiracy to commit alien smuggling and visa fraud

Up to 5 years; \$250,000 fine

Conspiracy to commit money laundering

Up to 20 years; \$500,000 fine

Bringing in illegal aliens to the United States

Up to 10 years; \$250,000 fine

Encouraging/inducing illegal aliens to come to, enter, or reside in the United States

Up to 10 years; \$250,000 fine

Fraud and misuse of visas

Up to 10 years; \$250,000 fine

Money laundering

(Laundering of monetary instruments)

Up to 20 years; \$500,000 fine

Money laundering

(Transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity)

Up to 10 years; \$250,000 fine

Defendants charged in federal indictments are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in court.